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GVHC Negotiates With Gilbert Realty For Purchase of North End Store

by Al Skolnik

In fitting tribute to the confidence engendered by departing general manager Paul Campbell, the board of directors of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation approved without dissent at its regular Friday meeting two agreements negotiated by Campbell, for the purchase of the North End store and for the refinancing of GVHC housing units up for sale.

North End Store

Pending consummation of the sale, the purchase price agreed upon between Gilbert Realty, Inc., and GVHC for the North End store and adjacent 3 acres was not disclosed, but GVHC president Ed Burgoon stated that the proceeds received so far from the sale of the undeveloped land would more than cover the sales price. The board intends to have the Laurel Hill building converted into individual housing units, using modern equipment and material, so that they can serve as examples of what can be done with frame homes.

Refinancing of Sales

The plan for refinancing of sales was negotiated with First Mutual Investment Company of Baltimore, which has had considerable experience in granting loans to purchasers of cooperative housing units at Armistead Gardens in Baltimore. Under the proposed plan loans up to \$1500 could be made to prospective buyers of GVHC units for as long as 4 years at 6 per cent interest on the total amount, 5 per cent to the company and one per cent to GVHC as a fee for administrative services in collecting payments. In addition an initial 2 per cent service fee would be charged. On a 4-year loan, this would equal an interest rate of 6 1/2 per cent.

The plan was approved by the board subject to further negotiation and clarification regarding the amount of down payment required in every case and the priority of payment in case of default on a loan. Campbell also reported that, according to GVHC attorneys Krooth and Altman, the GVHC by-laws would need amendment so as to eliminate present one-year time limits on obligations entered into by GVHC with reference to assignments by members or loans to members or servicing of loans. The board approved the presentation of such a by-law change to the annual membership meeting in March.

Heating Complaints

The board discussed complaints received from 9 Southway court that the policy of turning down the heat from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. in the frame buildings is creating unhealthy conditions and causing great discomfort. According to residents of the court, temperatures of 40-50 degrees between those hours are not uncommon, and children uncovered during the night become subject to chills. Furthermore the steam heat, upon coming on at 5, causes so much hanging that sleep is interrupted. The residents suggested that the heating cycle be continued throughout the night, arguing that the fuel saved by turning down the heat at night is insignificant, considering that the homes have to be reheated from low temperatures each morning.

Campbell admitted that heating experts differ as to the amount of fuel saved by turning down the heat at night but emphasized that it is not conservation of fuel that motivates GVHC heating policy so much as the fact that the heating plants are adjusted for the present cycles and to convert them to permit injection of steam all night would be expensive. Burgoon pointed out that the turnaround

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What Goes On

Friday, January 18 - 8:15 p.m., GCS membership meeting beneath "general" store.

Saturday, January 19 - 7 p.m., Fire Department and Ladies' Auxiliary joint installation, Berwyn Heights.

Monday, January 21 - 8 p.m., City council meeting, city office.

8:30 p.m., Little theater group meets, JCC building.

Wednesday, January 23 - County council PTA meets, Northwestern high school.

Thursday, January 24 - 8:30 p.m., Credit union membership meeting, office above variety store.

Friday, January 25 - GVHC meets, Hamilton place.

Tuesday, January 29 - 7 to 9 p.m., March on Polio.

8:30 p.m., American Heritage discussion, at the library.

Saturday, February 2 - 9 p.m., Benefit dance at Legion home.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland
January 21, 1957

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting, January 7, 1957
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Ordinance - Second Reading - Amend Trash Collection Ordinance
7. Resolution - Second Reading - Recommend Change of Name of Lakeside Road
8. Ordinance - Second Reading - Establish Special Tax for Cleaning Center
9. Ordinance - Amend Municipal Code to Change Bus Terminal
10. Discuss Transfer of Water System to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
12. Consider Change of Holiday and Leave Regulations for City Employees

Dividend Rate Discussion, Elections, At Credit Union Membership Meeting

Next Thursday, January 24, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will hold its annual membership meeting. Scheduled to start at 9:30 p.m. in the city office above the variety store, the meeting is expected to attract a record attendance.

Major item of business to be transacted by the membership is a decision on the amount of dividend payment for 1956. Total income for the year was around \$8,000; after deducting expenses and statutory reserves, this would leave about \$2,400 available for distribution to credit union members in the form of dividends. According to Treasurer Joe Comproni, these earnings are enough to pay a 4% dividend rate, as compared to last year's rate of 3 1/2%. The membership, however, must make the final decision.

A reliable source in credit union circles has disclosed that a move is afoot to recommend a dividend rate somewhat lower than 4%, in order to retain a certain amount of money in reserve in case it is needed next year. Other members, however, have expressed the opinion that the entire earnings should be paid out in dividends. Discussion on this point is certain to attract attendance at the meeting.

Other important business on the agenda is the nomination and election of four men to round out the seven-man board, two men to round out the three-man supervisory committee, and three men for the credit committee. Election by simple majority is the rule. Any member is eligible for election to office and anyone with \$5.00 in credit union savings is a member.

On December 31, 1956, there were 678 members on the books, as compared to 662 at the end of 1955. During 1956, the credit union made over 250 loans amounting to well over \$120,000, while only \$68,000 was accumulated in savings. The unusual demand for loans because of a generally tight money situation, said Comproni, made it necessary for the credit union itself to borrow money. But, he added, the credit union has always re-

sponded to the membership's needs, as illustrated by the fact that since 1938 over 5,200 loans have been made, for over a million dollars.

Reporting to the members on the financial status and general progress of the organization will be President Joe O'Neill, Treasurer Joe Comproni, Credit Committee Chairman Jim Beck, and Supervisory Committee Chairman Ed Kaighn.

Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick

Thursday, January 24, a tumbling class for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will start at the Center school from 6 to 7 p.m. Forty children are participating in the tumbling program at the North End School on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Adults are urged to participate in the adult gym program. Women's gym is on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and men's gym on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Athletic games, exercising, and other activities are available.

All high school girls are invited to participate in a girls' basketball session held on Saturdays at 5 p.m. in the Center gym. Once we get a team organized games can be scheduled.

In order to start new activities in Greenbelt we must have an interest shown by the residents. I would like to start a photography club. If interested, please call the recreation office, 2011, and leave your name and address.

With school closed on Tuesday the Center was open for roller skating from 2 to 5 p.m. Approximately one hundred children were present.

To live we eat, to have recreation we participate.

Major John O. Walker Chosen To Replace Campbell As GVHC Manager

by Al Skolnik

Major John O. Walker, one of the government housing experts originally responsible for the planning of Greenbelt, is returning to the city as general manager for Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation. Announcement of his appointment was made by GVHC president Ed Burgoon at the end of a special executive board meeting on Friday, January 11.

Northwestern High Band In Inaugural Parade

Minnesota will be represented by one of the nation's top bands as the Inaugural Parade winds down the streets of the Nation's Capital on January 21.

When it was determined by the Inaugural Committee that no Minnesota band would be able to make the long trip to participate, Senator Edward J. They turned immediately to Mrs. Michael Ronca of his staff, whose husband is director of the 75-piece marching band of Northwestern High School. Mrs. Ronca is the former Vivian Reiersgord of Moorhead, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Reiersgord, 425 Dudrev Court, Moorhead.

Ronca organized the Northwestern band in 1951. For four consecutive years, the band and majorette corps was chosen the out-the annual Lions Club contest in the Washington area. The majorette corps was chosen the outstanding organization in the National AAA Parade in 1953.

The Northwestern band is rated one of the nation's top musical organizations, the survey having been conducted by the "First Chair of America" and involving approximately 15,000 high school musical organizations, bands, orchestra, and choruses. The band has participated in the "Voice of America" program. It represented the State of Maryland in the 1953 Inaugural Parade. Its latest honor was the winning of first place in the Cherry Blossom Parade in 1956 in Washington, receiving the highest rating in the category which included college bands.

JOINT INSTALLATION

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Incorporated and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Joint Installation of officers for the year of 1957, on Saturday, January 19, at 7 p.m. The installation will be held in the Berwyn Heights Fire Hall.

Baptist Chapel Hears Guest Speaker Sunday

Dr. Albert Ai Lun, Medical Superintendent of the Namkham Hospital of Namkham, Burma, will speak Sunday evening, January 20 before the evening worship of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel meeting in the Center School.

Dr. Ai Lun was born of poor, illiterate Buddhist parents in Muse, North Burma, on the Burma Road, June 1, 1917. He was educated in the mission schools sponsored by the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. He received his medical training from the Government Medical School, and Judson College of Rangoon and Rangoon University. Presently Dr. Ai Lun is enrolled in a special course in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore. Before returning to Burma in March by way of San Francisco, Honolulu and Japan, he will take a course in tuberculosis in one of the New York hospitals.

Golden Age Group

The Golden Age Group is working on a special project, making scrap books from old Christmas cards to give to retarded children in the mental hospitals.

On February 6, 1957, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will send a representative to visit the group and show a movie. The group meets every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Any person sixty or over is welcome to join.

Election of officers will soon take place, and the group will start planning future activities. For transportation to a meeting call GR 3-2011.

Walker will succeed Paul Campbell, who was granted a 2-year leave of absence to accept a United Nations assignment as National Director of Housing for the West Indian island of Jamaica. The exact date of Campbell's departure is still unknown, dependent upon receipt of official orders from UN headquarters in New York.

Burgoon stated that GVHC was fortunate to acquire a man of Walker's experience to take over the management on a temporary basis. Walker, said Burgoon, is well-known in cooperative housing circles and was one of the few men that Public Housing Administration would approve for the post without any further investigation. Campbell also praised Walker, having been associated with him in the early days of the Federal low-cost housing program.

"Walker's name," Burgoon declared, "was suggested to us by our attorneys, Krooth and Altman, who were aware of his desire to stay in the Washington area since completing a strenuous year and a half assignment as general manager of the Bridgeport Mutual Management Corporation in Bridgeport, Conn. last summer." In that post, Walker was responsible for managing five local housing cooperatives. Nationwide Insurance Company, which sponsored and financed the Connecticut project, recommended Walker highly for the GVHC post, according to Burgoon.

Walker told the News Review that he was very pleased to be returning to Greenbelt and that the temporary nature of the post was acceptable to him. Walker, who lives with his wife at 3206 Circle Hill Rd., Alexandria, Va., stated that he will commute back and forth from Greenbelt. The Walkers have two grown children (twins), a son who is politically attache at the Paris embassy and a daughter whose husband is in the investment banking business in New York City.

Walker's first acquaintance with Greenbelt came in 1937 when as municipal advisor and manager for the widely-heralded Radburn, N. J. planned community, he was consulted by the resettlement Administration regarding the development of Greenbelt. Subsequently, he joined the agency as director of the management division, and later assistant administrator, where he was responsible for the overall management of Greenbelt and other nationwide community operations of the Resettlement Administration.

In 1943, he left government service to carry on experimental private programs aimed at developing "grass roots" activities and improving intergovernmental relations.

In 1948 he was tapped by the Marshall Plan to go to Greece as consultant on government administration and reorganization. Since his return to this country in 1953, he has engaged in consultative and advisory work.

Little Theater Group Meets Next Monday

The choice of a permanent name for the group and the matter of charging a fee to members will be the main topics for discussion at the second meeting of the newly revived Greenbelt Little Theater group to be held at the Jewish Community Center at Westway and Ridge on Monday, January 21, at 8:30 p.m.

The experimental reading of a one-act play in which all members will participate will be the feature of the evening. The theater group is under the leadership of Sam Ackerman, who previously organized a similar group in Stamford, Conn., and has had experience in producing and directing plays.



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The Editor's Notebook

By Harry Zubkoff

On Thursday, January 10, along with quite a few other Greenbelters, I was privileged to attend a preview showing of the movie "Three Brave Men" at Jack Fruchtman's Century Theater in Baltimore. As everybody knows by now, this is the picture which tells the story of Greenbelt's, and the country's, most famous "security risk", Abe Chasanow. Of course, 20th Century Fox points out that this is not specifically his story, but rather is simply based on his experience, as written in the newspapers by Pulitzer prize-winner Anthony Lewis. But in spite of the liberty which Hollywood takes with the truth, the story is clearly recognizable.

The acting was very well done, as one would expect from such stars as Ernest Borgnine, Ray Milland, Frank Lovejoy, Nina Foch, Dean Jagger, Frank Faylen, and many others. Their characterizations and portrayals were sincere and convincing the dialogue tight yet natural, the entire effect really moving many to tears. But for Greenbelters there is even more of a thrill than for others, because this is a movie about our town. The names and faces may be changed, but the identities are unmistakable. It was fascinating to me to see how Hollywood treated the Chasanow family, and how close they could come to capturing the characters of Abe and Helen and the four children, Howard, Phyllis, Myrna and Ruthie. Equally interesting were the portrayals of police chief George Panagoulis, Mayor Frank Lastner, (a truly composite character) and a certain priceless mailman. I personally was delighted with the characterization of Terry Braund, who, cleverly disguised as a Presbyterian minister, wove his own magic spell around everyone. Then, too, there was the co-op housing corporation and the frequent references to co-operatives, pro and con, which are so much a part of our daily lives. All in all, it was a gripping pic-

Legion Marching Unit Holds Benefit Dance

American Legion Post 136 junior marching unit has just completed a most successful 10 months. Organized in April, 1956, under the leadership of Ted Pugh, the unit now comprises 25 boys from the ages of 12 to 16 years.

The unit has become quite well known throughout the state and deservedly so. They have become a crack drill unit and handle their rifles smartly. In competition they have won 5 first place awards and 1 second.

The Bethesda Christmas Parade offered them their first big test. Competing against 150 units they won second place for "best marching unit." The following week they walked off with first place honors against the same competition at the Rockville Christmas parade.

This group of young boys, who have worked so hard to make a success of the marching unit, is asking for public support of their benefit dance on February 2, 1957, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$2.50 per couple, at the American Legion Posthome. The dance is being given to raise money for winter uniforms.

TEEN CLUB WORKSHOP

Recreation director Warren Ledick will attend the Prince Georges County Teen Club Workshop on Saturday, January 19, at Bladensburg High School. Teenagers are welcome to attend; call the Recreation Department and make arrangements. Parents are also welcome.

ture, and, if it wasn't exactly faithful to the facts, it was still true to life. And as Terry Braund remarked at his farewell dinner Saturday, it was not just a picture about him, or about the Chasanows either — it was a picture about justice and truth, about America. When it comes to Greenbelt (sometime in March) I want to see it again, and everybody else should, too.

The Legionnaire

The Department executive committee will meet January 27 at the post home. Refreshments will be served for the departmental officers.

Vice commander Paul Cherry states that there are still members who have not renewed their cards: the deadline is February 1. This does not mean that after this date you will not be eligible to join, but those who wish to have continuance service cards should renew before the deadline. Also, remember, you have a neighbor who is eligible. Let's each of us be a salesman for Americanism. Don't forget the movie that is shown each Wednesday, 9 p.m.

At the last executive committee meeting, it was decided that the Legion will participate more fully than in the past on "Peanuts for Polio". These little bags of peanuts mean a lot more than you may realize. Members will be down at the center Saturday, January 19, to sell them. All proceeds go to the polio foundation. How about doing your part by buying at least one bag? Remember, some day you may need the foundation's services as much as it needs your support now.

American Legion members will lend a hand in chaperoning "Drop Inn" activities—supervision only. The commander will ask for volunteers and hopes that those of you who have "teenagers" will step forward and render your services to this very worthwhile organization.

A benefit dance will be held February 2 at the post home for the American Legion junior marching unit. Ted Pugh has informed me that all proceeds will go toward purchasing marching uniforms for this deserving group. Music will be by the "Bobbick's". To obtain tickets contact Ted Pugh, GRanite 4-7618.

Thomas J. Freeman
Second Vice Commander
American Legion Post 136

County Council PTA

"Criteria used in selecting persons to be recommended for appointment to the County school board" will be discussed by Carlton Pyles, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and Harold Sothoron, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, at a County Council PTA committee meeting at Northwest High School January 23.

They will also discuss how they locate people with those qualifications and the difficulties involved in getting well qualified people to serve on the County school board.

NOW YOU KNOW. Ever wonder how the grapefruit came by its name? No one really knows but scientists seem to think its because the fruit grows in clusters much like a bunch of grapes.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull

Ministers

GRanite 3-5846

Sunday, January 20: Morning worship at 9 and 11, with Mr. Braund preaching. Church school as follows: 9 and 11 nursery, kindergarten, and primary. 10, junior and senior high, young adults, adults. 7 p.m., United Pilgrim Fellowship program on vocations, social hall.

Monday, January 21: 8, Workers conference, social hall. 8:15, Evening Guild, 2-B Hillside.

Tuesday, January 22: 8, Fidelis Bible class meeting, 2-B Hillside. Washington Federation of Churches Christian School at Calvary Baptist Church, 2nd Tuesday of six.

Friday, January 25: 6:30, All Church family fun night, covered dish supper, social hall.

BAPTIST CHAPEL

Center School

Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor
4-E Hillside - GRanite 4-9424

Thursday, January 17 - 7:30 p.m., Chapel quarterly business meeting in the Center school. Reports will be given and recommendations made. Building program progress report will be made.

Friday, January 18 - 4:15 p.m., Chapel choir rehearsal at the Parsonage.

Sunday, January 20 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages including babies and toddlers. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning worship service in the Center school auditorium. Chapel choir will sing. The pastor will preach on "What About Swearing?", the third message on the Ten Commandments. 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages. Mrs. John S. Stewart, director. 6 p.m., New members class begins, to be held four consecutive Sundays. The pastor will conduct the first class on "Christian Doctrines". 7 p.m., Evening worship service. Informal hymn singing led by Dr. James T. McCarl. Guest speaker, Dr. Albert Ai Lun, a Christian doctor from Burma.

Bible study week in the Epistle of Romans to be held January 27-31 in the Center school.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor

Saturday, January 19 - Confessions from 3:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening.

Sunday, January 20 - Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and high Mass at 11 a.m. Baptisms every Sunday after 1 p.m. Please contact the Pastor beforehand.

Wednesday, January 23 - Miraculous Medal Novena at 8 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Daily Mass at 7 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone: GRanite 4-9230

Sunday, January 20: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school and adult Bible class. Classes are held for each age group. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church services. Sermon by Pastor Birner. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services. Members are asked to announce their intentions to receive the Sacrament before the services.

Gibbons-Devore

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gibbons, 8013 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Margaret Gibbons, to Phillip Devore, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Devore, 2714 Emmet Road, Silver Spring.

Miss Gibbons is a graduate of the Academy of Holy Names and of Montgomery Junior College. Devore, a member of the 1957 class of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., is a graduate of Montgomery Junior College.

A June wedding is planned.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Greenbelt Democratic Club of Prince Georges County Maryland is scheduled to take place at the

CITY OFFICE

Greenbelt, Md.

on

Wed., January 23, 1957

8:30 P.M.

President Frank J. Lastner will preside

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Appointment of nominations committee for 1957 Officers.
3. Report of committees; also County Affairs Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. New Business.

GREENBELT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Annual Membership Meeting

On the Agenda:

1. Vote on rate of dividend payment
2. Nominations and elections
3. Status reports by officers

THURSDAY, JAN. 24, 1956

8:30 p.m. in the City Office (above Variety Store)

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2½ BEDROOM, MASONRY, Old Greenbelt, separate dining room and kitchen. Tiled. Need quick sale \$1275. Will accept less. Monthly charges \$82.50. Vacant after January 26. 23-L Ridge Rd. GR 4-9483.

Band Elects Officers

The Greenbelt Band parents organization met in the Community building Thursday, January 10, for its annual election of officers. Chosen were John Loxton, president; A. F. Blair, vice-president; Lawrence Goldberg, treasurer; and Gene McCarthy, secretary.

It was voted unanimously to renew the contract with Michael Ronca, bandmaster, for 1957. Members and officers expressed appreciation for the high calibre of Ronca's work with the band and achievements during the past year.

Ronca called attention to the fact that the band has some instruments not now in use; the band is now open to new members. Ronca would particularly like to see more children join the feeder band. The need for raising funds this year for the replacement of outworn instruments was discussed.

Goldberg proposed the establishment of an incentive award to the band members in the form of a scholarship to a summer music camp. The new board is to study this proposal. A motion of thanks to retiring officers W. R. Hopkins, president, and Joseph Reminick, secretary, closed the meeting.

MARCH ON POLIO

Greenbelt mothers will conduct their annual drive for the "MARCH ON POLIO" January 29 between 7 and 9 p.m. Please contribute what you can to this important drive when the mothers knock on your door.

Volunteers for this drive should call Mrs. Joseph D'Agostino, 9419, for further information.

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik - 7586

Dr. and Mrs. John J. Dalton, Jr. and their children, 11 Northway, will be sailing on the Liberte for Paris, France on January 26. Dr. Dalton, Professor of Economics, at the University of Maryland, received a post-doctoral Ford grant, and will be collecting material for his forthcoming book in the Belgian Congo. From Paris, Dr. Dalton will travel on to Africa. Mrs. Dalton and the children, Peter, Judy, Jeanne, Carol, and Kate will go on to Brussels, Belgium. However, they probably won't remain there for too long, because there's lots to see in Europe. During their year or year and a half abroad, while waiting for Dr. Dalton to complete his research, this part of the family plans to travel extensively.

Renting the Dalton home during this time will be Byron and Jeanne Welch. Welch is a law student at Georgetown University.

Michael Ronca, conductor of the Greenbelt Community Band was guest conductor of the Navy Band at the Interdepartmental Auditorium in Washington last Friday night. Some members of the Greenbelt Band were present.

Linda White, 14-z-3 Hillside and Harold Goldberg, 14-L Hillside have birthdays on the same date. They celebrated their eighth birthdays on January 3. Both are in Mrs. Summerkamp's second grade class at North End School.

We all hope that Rose Amberg, 10-D Southway, will soon be feeling better.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Whitener, 22-C Hillside, on the arrival of Daniel Leben, on January 2. Weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz., Daniel joins a sister and brother.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Peters, 11-C Laurel Hill. Mark Lewis was born on January 2 and weighed 6 lbs. 14½ oz. He has a brother and sister.

All the youngsters of Brownie Troop No. 416 wish Brownie leaders, Mrs. L. Tierney, 2-F Laurel, and Mrs. G. Arthur, 12- Laurel, a quick recovery.

CO-OP MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18
GCS OFFICES, 8:15 P.M.

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heat affects individual units differently, depending upon location—whether middle or end, natural protection from the wind, etc. It was suggested that conversion of the heating cycles might be limited to those courts where conditions were most discomfoting.

Landscaping

Campbell reported that as the results of cuts in the city budget city officials are uncertain whether they will be able to participate in a joint GVHC-city landscaping and planting program this year. In previous years the city purchased the stock and GVHC contributed its equipment and manpower to plant it. The board requested management to address a special plea to the city council to set aside sufficient funds for this purpose.

Nominations Committee

Director Bruce Bowman reported that as a result of talks with the three remaining members of the nominations committee — Allan Chotiner, Bernard Krug, and Hal Silvers, it was decided that the committee would proceed as presently constituted with arrangements for the annual March election and if necessary would choose additional committee members later.

Other Board Action

1. Adopted a new 7-step salary schedule with annual increments for the supervisory positions of comptroller, maintenance superintendent, and sales and service supervisor. These positions were not included in the salary schedule adopted for other employees several years ago. The schedule is subject to approval by Public Housing Administration.

2. Approved a by-law change eliminating all quarterly membership meetings—to be voted on at annual March meeting.

3. Extended Mrs. Helen C. Ditman's tenure as GVHC Sales Officer until such time as a GVHC employee can qualify to take the examination for a real estate broker's license—probably in May.

4. Approved prepayment of city taxes due September 1 at the rate of \$10,000 a month, to help the city over lean income months.

5. Declared Monday, January 21, Inauguration Day, a holiday for GVHC employees.

6. Authorized replacement of 4 obsolete maintenance vehicles of 1939-1942 vintage.

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The Paul Campbell Story

by Russell Greenbaum

(This is the first of a series of two articles on GVHC's Paul Campbell, who is leaving Greenbelt in a few weeks.)

When Paul Campbell began his job as general manager of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation in January, 1951, there were some who doubted whether he would make the grade. It was felt that the job required an aggressive, dynamic type, and he was definitely not that.

What few people realized was that Campbell during his previous 16 years in the housing development field in the Pittsburgh area had developed a technique and a philosophy that was simple but had proved highly effective. His technique is to study every problem carefully from the other person's viewpoint, and his philosophy is that the quiet approach usually leads people to accept a reasonable solution.

Using this modus operandi, he had early in his career persuaded burly Pennsylvania coal miners in a cooperative housing development to cultivate vegetable gardens. He had integrated Negro families into a completely white community and brought peace between youthful warring white and colored gangs. He had even calmed down battling housewives pulling hair over whose turn it was to use the community drying machines.

Most of his career has involved setting up cooperative or low-cost housing developments and putting them into smooth running order. Once he has achieved this, he is drawn to some new and more challenging task. Now it has happened again as he leaves GVHC on January 25 to go to work for the United Nations.

Although Campbell admits he would have liked three more years to put GVHC on a completely stable basis, he could not resist the opportunity to broaden his experience in the housing field nor to be of service to a large group of people who are just now beginning to stand on their own feet. He will take over the job of manager of a modern low-cost housing development in Jamaica, British West Indies, with the specific assignment

of placing the development on a well-run basis and training a native Jamaican as permanent manager.

The U.N. estimates that it will take him about two years to complete his assignment. Campbell does not anticipate what he will do or where he will go after that. However, the story of his career thus far gives evidence that he will heed some new call and go on to become eventually one of the leaders in this field.

This mild-mannered man who likes to do things the quiet way and abhors the forceful approach, was team and played football at the small college he attended. He had no burning ambition but studied business administration so he could follow his father who held a high administrative position in the Bell Telephone Company organization. He actually began work there, but the depression found him out on the street with a number of other young men.

An opening with a county welfare organization led him into social service work. He grasped the opportunity to undergo in-service training and ended up with an M.A. degree in applied social sciences. His experience as a social case worker brought him his first housing development job, which was to select the tenants for one of the experimental cooperative development that were being sponsored by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

This particular development for coal miners, most of whom were unemployed, Campbell's basic task was to select those families who could get along with others. Soon he became assistant community manager and helped to teach the miners how to build their

own homes, grow much of their own food on the two and a half acres allotted to each of them, and even to market their produce. Campbell and his wife lived with the miners and knew what it was to cook on a coal stove and set their light from kerosene lamps.

Once he showed Mrs. Roosevelt around the development. He remembers her as a brisk, striding woman and that it was not easy to keep pace with her. Coincidentally, his boss reported to Major John Walker in Washington, the man who now replaces him in Greenbelt. His long acquaintance with Major Walker and his work in the housing field is why he is convinced that his job here could not be left in better hands.

It was during this period that his calm philosophy suffered its only setback. A rejected applicant walked eight miles to ask Campbell if he would reconsider his decision. When Campbell gave him a sympathetic but firm no, the man responded by slamming his fists against Campbell's jaw, knocking him off his chair and cracking his head against a nearby radiator. Fortunately, Campbell suffered no serious damage, and later he learned how really lucky he was when he read in the newspaper that the same man had gotten mad at his wife and shot and killed her.

Campbell's tensest moments occurred when he was given the

special assignment of bringing in colored families in an all-white project to the amount of ten percent of the residents. He knew there would probably be some trouble, and it came when white and colored youths clashed in gang fighting. The situation grew worse, and at any moment he anticipated another Detroit race riot.

Gambling that he could convince both sides to listen to reason, he went to the gang leaders and persuaded them to come to a joint meeting to talk over their differences. There were hot words at this meeting, but he succeeded in winning a month's truce on all gang fighting. Then he got a real break when the draft suddenly pounced on the leaders on both sides who were the most aggressive and hot-tempered.

After that, there were no more troubles, which was just as well since Campbell himself was called into service. As an officer in the Navy, he again sought to go where a tough job had to be done. He volunteered for cruiser duty in the Pacific and found himself in the thick of the battle of Iwo Jima and other heavy engagements. He remembers vividly Japanese Kamikaze planes plunging into the sea just a stone's throw from his ship, but he managed to come through the war without a scratch.

Upon his return from the service, Campbell was given various assignments in housing development

work again in the Pittsburgh area, where he was born and bred. However, he was again looking for a new challenge. He was sure he had found it when he read an ad in a housing journal which announced that a group of homeowners in Greenbelt who had organized a corporation to buy the housing project from the government were looking for a general manager.

Campbell at the time knew nothing about the violent controversy and clash of personalities that had blazed up in this community over the sale of the homes to what is now the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation. However, he knew there would be unusual problems and he wanted to tackle them. GVHC may not have realized it right away, but the quiet, deliberate, pipe-puffing man from Pittsburgh who answered its ad was just the man needed for the job.

(Next week's article will describe some of Paul Campbell's experiences and problems as manager of GVHC and his thoughts on the future of the Corporation.)

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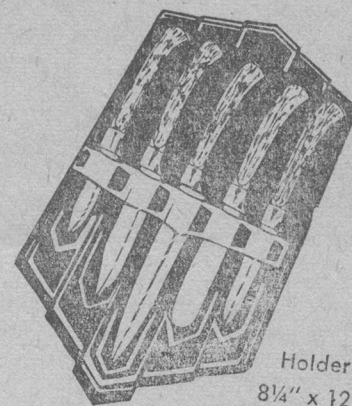
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